

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 35, 36, 39, and 40 as follows:

1 - 31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus comprising:

a negotiation unit configured to, wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, execute a predetermined negotiation with a first device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prevent prohibiting any transmission even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request; and

a first transmitting unit configured to broadcast the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation unit executes the predetermined negotiation with the device.

33. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the communication is executed using a Bluetooth system.

34. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the low power consumption mode is used for a low power consumption in a Bluetooth system.

35. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

a negotiation unit configured to, wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, execute a predetermined negotiation with a first device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prevent prohibiting any transmission even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request;

a transmitting unit to transmit the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation unit executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; and

a communicating unit configured to communicate with the first device, after (a) said transmitting unit transmits the low power consumption mode transit request, (b) a mode of another device is transited from a present mode to the low power consumption mode, and (c) any transmission by the another device is prohibited.

36. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus for executing a communication with a device, ~~comprising: wherein the device executes a negotiation unit configured to execute~~ a predetermined negotiation with ~~the device~~ said communication apparatus before data transmission, ~~[[;]]~~ said communication apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit configured to receive a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission; and

a control unit that is, in the case that said receiving unit receives a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode, configured to transit said communication apparatus from a present mode to a low consumption power mode and control said communication apparatus to prohibit any transmission according to presence or absence of execution of the predetermined negotiation with the device ~~by said negotiation unit.~~

37. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 36, wherein, in the case that said receiving unit receives a signal to release a low power consumption mode, said control unit executes a control to release both a low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition.

38. (Previously Presented) A communication method comprising:
a negotiation step of, wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, executing a predetermined negotiation with a first device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prevent prohibiting any transmission even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request; and
a first transmission step, of broadcasting the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation step executes the predetermined negotiation with the device.

39. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising:

a negotiation step of, wherein a low power consumption mode transit request is a request for a device to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, executing a predetermined negotiation with a first device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode even though the first device receives the low power consumption mode transit request;

a transmission step of transmitting the low power consumption mode transit request to a plurality of devices including the first device after said negotiation step executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; and

a communication step of communicating with the first device, after
(a) transmitting the low power consumption mode transmit request in said transmission step,
(b) transiting another communication device from a present mode to the low power consumption mode, and (c) any transmission by the another communication device is prohibited.

40. (Currently Amended) A communication method of executing a communication with a device, comprising:

a negotiation step of the device executing a predetermined negotiation with ~~the device~~ a communication apparatus before data transmission;

a receiving step of receiving by the communication apparatus of a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission,

a control step effected by the communication apparatus of, in the case that a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode is received in said step of receiving the low power consumption mode transit request, transiting the communication apparatus from a present mode to a low ~~consumption~~ power consumption mode and controlling the communication apparatus to prohibit any transmission according to presence or absence of execution of the predetermined negotiation ~~with the device~~ in said negotiation step.

41. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, comprising a second transmitting unit configured to transmit a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after said communication apparatus communicates with the first device.

42. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to claim 38, comprising a second transmission step, of transmitting a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after the communication apparatus communicates with the first device.